

OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 376 of the 132nd G.A. **Status:** As Introduced

Sponsor: Reps. Boccieri and Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Lepore-Hagan

Subject: Designates the Harry Meshel Memorial Highway

As a result of the bill, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur a minimal cost for producing memorial signs for this memorial roadway, and the city of Youngstown will incur minimal costs for installing them. Specifically, the bill designates the stretch of U.S. Route 422 within Youngstown in Mahoning County as the Harry Meshel Memorial Highway.

If a memorial highway is placed inside of a municipality, ODOT produces the signs and may request reimbursement from the municipality for the cost. ODOT, however, does not currently seek this reimbursement. The signs are installed by municipal workers, though, resulting in minimal costs for the municipality where the memorial highway is located. According to ODOT, the cost of producing and installing a set of signs for memorial highways and bridges is approximately \$350 to \$400, including materials and labor. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location. Once a set of signs is installed, there are typically no maintenance costs unless the signs are damaged. Signs usually need to be replaced every 12 to 15 years.

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